



**Order of Worship for
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020,
10:00am**

***Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are here today.***



WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

MUSIC

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Steven Lewis, soloist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:33-40 (NRSV)

Reader: Steven Lewis

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Reader: Steven Lewis

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

MEDITATION Packing the Backpack

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

MUSIC

NCH 547

Amazing Grace

Steven Lewis, soloist

WEAVING PRAYERS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

MUSIC WITH READINGS

NCH 495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folks on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

BLESSING

MUSIC REPRISE

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Our thanks to the everyone
who created today's service.
Go in peace!